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Satoru Tajika et al.

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For: THERMOPLASTIC SYNTHETIC RESIN

BAND AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Examiner: Nicole K. Harrison

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 12, 2009, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to a thermoplastic synthetic resin band, without traverse, for continued examination.

Please note that Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Applicant also reserves the right to rejoin any applicable claims.

Applicant believes no additional fees are due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-4422, under Order No. APA-0224 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: June 10, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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